Vocational Education

†1225. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that according to the National Education Policy of 1986, it was targeted to provide vocational education to 25 per cent students of plus two by the year 2000;

if so, the details thereof;

the number of the students in academic year 2000 who were getting vocational education; and

the reasons that have been detected by Government for not achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The National Policy on Education—1986 had set targets under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level to cover 10% higher secondary students under vocational stream by 1990 and 25% by 2000. The Programme of Action—1992 reset the targets of 10% of diversion by 1995 and 25% by 2000.

According to the Working Group which reviewed the implementation of the Scheme, the enrolment in the vocational stream at higher secondary level by 1995 was only 4.8 per cent, a significant departure from the targeted 10%.

A total enrolment capacity of about 980000 in the vocational steam was created by the end of the academic year 1999-2000. Some of the major constraints were low priority being accorded to the scheme and the difficulties in taking over the long term liabilities, reluctance in appointing regular staff by many State Govts, weak management structure, no provision for vertical mobility, lack of employment opportunities etc.

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